

*City of
South Bend, Indiana*

WHEREAS, in an effort to raise awareness of the dangers of lead poisoning, October 23-29, 2011 has been declared National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS, childhood lead poisoning is considered to be the most preventable environmental health threat to young children, yet the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimated nearly a quarter a million children have blood lead levels high enough to cause irreversible damage to their health and lifetime potential; and

WHEREAS, Hoosier children are at particular risk because Indiana ranks 11th in the nation for older housing. The primary source of lead exposure among U.S. children is the lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust and soil found in and around older buildings and homes constructed before 1978; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Bend, Indiana supports a healthy and safe environment for children and is dedicated to the protection of the health of all children; and

WHEREAS, it is important that older housing units and childcare facilities in Indiana are tested and identified as safe from lead hazards; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that all Hoosiers, especially parents and child caregivers, are made aware of the dangers of lead poisoning and the need to seek appropriate screening for their children as a preventative measure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN J. LUECKE,
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA,
DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23-29, 2011, AS**

NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

and I encourage the citizens of South Bend to join me in spreading the important information of lead poison and its harmful affects on our youth.



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen J. Lucke".

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2011